

[PONCA STATE PARK] Is outdoor adventure at the top of your vacation wish list?

Then you've come to the right place. In the northeast region, Ponca State Park (and Niobrara State Park) takes advantage of river-inspired settings to offer a variety of activities including hiking, fishing, swimming, and camping.



Lewis and Clark



Need a LIFT?

Break away from the daily grind at Lewis and Clark Lake near Crofton. Whether you're in need of quiet relaxation or heart-pounding adventure, Nebraska's second-largest lake is the perfect remedy in every season.

Go fishing, swimming, boating, tubing, and wakeboarding. Try ice-fishing, skating, snowmobiling, and cross-country skiing. There's also hiking and biking along with hunting and camping.

All of this—plus a large dose of beautiful scenery—will have you flying high.



Among *the* vines

Squint your eyes a little, and you'll lose sight of the fact that the vineyard you're standing in is in Nebraska. Open your eyes wide, and you'll see how a region known for growing corn, soybeans, and alfalfa has taken its agricultural expertise and applied it to a completely new commodity—and with award-winning results.

Experience this phenomenon at the state's first winery, Cuthills Vineyards near Pierce, where a restored 1920s dairy barn provides a relaxing spot to sample and savor a delicious array of wines. Cuthills hosts several events throughout the year, making it a top-shelf destination for fun. To the east near Tekamah, Big Cottonwood Vineyards & Winery and Silver Hills Vineyards and Winery provide charming retreats with tours, tastings, and special events.

Prepare to be wowed

Music, dancing, food, tradition—all colorfully intertwined in a dizzying display that entertains and educates. Intrigued? Then it's time you experienced one of the many powwows and harvest festivals honoring the area's rich American Indian heritage. Look for celebrations in Macy, Winnebago, and Niobrara.



Erin Stenbakken/Stenbakken.com



R. Moberg

Enjoy a little *path time*

If the thought of a 200-mile bike ride gets your heart pounding with excitement, just think how you'll feel when that ride extends an additional 120 miles.

That's the plan for the Cowboy Trail, which is slated to be the longest rails-to-trails conversion project in the nation.

In the meantime, the completed stretch from Norfolk to Valentine will have to suffice. And with the natural beauty and small-town charm you'll encounter along the way, you'll enjoy all 200 miles. If you're not comfortable on a bike, feel free to don a pair of hiking boots or travel via horseback.

However you take to the trail, be sure to check its condition at OutdoorNebraska.org before you go.



J. Waldb



In Bancroft, the John G. Neihardt State Historic Site pays tribute to the history of the Great Plains while also exploring the life of the man himself. Visit the study where he penned works of art such as Black Elk Speaks.

ALBION

402-395-6012 • www.cityofalbion-ne.com

Attractions

Boone County Raceway 11th & Fairview – Features 3/8-mile oval dirt track. Racing May-Aug, Fri, 8pm; and other special events. IMCA hobby stocks, street stocks, IMCA modifieds and limited late models. Admission. 402-395-5171 www.boonecountyraceway.com &

Olson Nature Preserve 8 mi. N. on NE Hwy 14, 1 mi. W. on Y Rd – Mowed hiking trails and sheltered picnic area. 402-395-2395 www.prairieplains.org &

Accommodations

BANCROFT

402-648-3332 • www.ci.bancroft.ne.us

Attractions

John G. Neihardt State Historic Site 306 W. Elm – Exhibits trace the life of Nebraska's poet laureate and the history of the Great Plains. View the Sacred Hoop Prayer Garden and Neihardt's study. Mon-Sat, 9am-5pm; Sun, 1:30-5pm. Closed weekends, Dec-Feb. Free. 888-777-4667 www.neihardtcenter.org &

Accommodations



Country Pub *Philly Cheese Steak*
Bancroft, 402-648-7458

Duster's Restaurant *Reuben*
Columbus, 402-564-8338

Husker House *Prime Rib*
Columbus, 402-564-4121

BATTLE CREEK

402-675-2165

Accommodations

BEEMER

402-528-3253 • www.ci.beemer.ne.us

Accommodations

BLOOMFIELD

402-373-2272 • www.ci.bloomfield.ne.us

Accommodations

CEDAR RAPIDS

308-358-0240 • www.ci.cedar-rapids.ne.us

Accommodations

CENTER

402-288-5619 • www.co.knox.ne.us

Outfitters

Deer Creek Timber Hunting & Lodging 8 1/2 mi. N. of Creighton, 1 1/2 mi. S.E. – The perfect nature retreat in a working farm setting. Fall turkey hunting, hiking, hayrack rides, wildlife viewing and other activities. Year-round. Hunting access. Hunting guide service. Upland game hunting. 402-288-4461

CENTRAL CITY

308-946-3897 • www.centralcitychamber.com

Attractions

Prairie Creek Vineyards 2254 13th Rd – Family-owned and -operated winery located in central Nebraska. Tasting room open year-round, Fri, 4-8pm; Sat, 1-6pm. Also open Sun during summer, 1-5pm. 308-940-1370 www.prairiecreekwine.com &

Accommodations

CHAPMAN

Accommodations

CLARKSON

402-892-3100 • www.ci.clarkson.ne.us

Accommodations

CLEARWATER

402-485-2365 • www.clearwaterne.com

Accommodations

COLERIDGE

402-283-4201 • www.ci.coleridge.ne.us

Accommodations

COLUMBUS

402-564-2769 • www.visitcolumbusne.com

Attractions

Andrew Jackson Higgins National Memorial

2001 A.J. Higgins Rd in Pawnee Park – War memorial with full-size replica of a "Higgins" boat, World Trade Center steel erected next to freedom eagle, memorial wall and life-size bronze soldiers. 402-564-2769 www.higginsmemorial.com &

Columbus Racetrack 822 15th St – Live racing July-Sep. Post time Fri-Sat, 7pm; Sun & Labor Day, 2pm. Year-round simulcast racing Thu-Sun. Free. 402-564-0133 or 800-314-2983 www.agpark.com &

Discovery Island Water Playland 265 33rd Ave, Jct of US Hwys 30 & 81 in New World Inn – Hit the deck on one of Christopher Columbus' historic ships, fire water canons, run through sprays of water in the Pirate's Lagoon or plunge down 2 slides at this 7,500-sq-ft indoor water park. Open year-round, Sun-Thu, 10am-9pm; Fri-Sat, 10am-10pm. Admission. 800-433-1492 or 402-564-1492 newworldinncc.com &

Dusters Restaurant and Gottberg Brew Pub 2804 13th St – Six different lagers and ales are on tap, as well as handcrafted root beer and cream soda. Open Mon-Sat, 11am-10pm; Sun, 10:30am-2pm. Brewery tours by appt. 402-564-8338 www.dustersrestaurant.com &

Lake Babcock and Lake North 4 mi. N. of US Hwy 30 on 18th Ave – The 600-acre lake offers fishing, swimming, camping and boating. Grills, play equipment, picnic shelters, hiking/biking trails and volleyball courts are also available. Free. 402-564-3171 or 888-564-3171 www.loup.com &

Andrew Jackson Higgins National Memorial, Columbus





Historic Argo Hotel, Crofton

Pawnee Plunge Water Park 560 33rd Ave – Featuring a zero-depth entry, splash play area, double flume slide, speed slide and splash bowl slide. Lazy river, food court and party pavilion also on-site. Open Memorial Day weekend thru mid-Aug, daily, noon-8pm. Admission. 402-562-4269 www.columbusne.us/pawneepunge/plunge.html & **Platte County Historical Society Museum** 2916 16th St – A.J. Higgins Memorial room, log cabin, barber-shop, display area and country schoolroom. Mid-May thru Labor Day, Fri-Sun, 1-4pm; or by appt. Admission. 402-564-1856, 402-564-4553 or 402-564-6436 www.megavision.com/museum &

Quincentenary Belltower US Hwy 81 & 33rd Ave in Pawnee Park – Unique monument to Columbus' first voyage to the New World, featuring 10 large bells that peel every 15 minutes and are historically significant to the area. 402-564-2769 www.visitcolumbusne.com & **U.S. 30 Speedway** 23504 US Hwy 30, 3½ mi. W. on US Hwy 30 – Auto racing Apr-Sep, Thu, 8pm. Admission. 402-563-1561 &

Accommodations

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CREIGHTON

402-358-3557 • www.creighton.org

Attractions

Creighton Historical Center 716 Main St – A variety of historical items are on display. Open year-round, Tue & Thu, 8am-4:30pm; Wed, 8am-noon; or by appt. Donation. 402-358-3377 www.creighton.org/historical.cfm &

Accommodations

CROFTON

402-388-4766 • www.crofton-ne.com

Corps of Discovery Welcome Center

US Hwy 81 (2 mi. S. of Yankton, South Dakota)
402-667-6557

Year-round, daily, 10am-4pm

Memorial Day-Labor Day, daily, 9am-6pm

Hours subject to change.

Closed some holidays.

Attractions

Lewis and Clark Lake State Recreation Area 7 mi. N. on NE Hwy 121, 4 mi. W. – Huge scenic reservoir has 6 recreation areas, marina, camping, convenience store and gas pumps. Boat docks and rental cabins. Park permit required. Camping fees. 402-388-4169 www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov &

Lewis and Clark Visitor Center 10 mi. N. on NE Hwy 121 – Exhibits inform visitors about the area and its history. Open summer months: Sun-Thu, 8am-6pm; Fri-Sat, 8am-7pm. Call for off-season hours. Free. 402-667-2546 www.nwo.usace.army.mil/html/Lake_Proj/gavinspoint/welcome.html &

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Convention and Visitors Bureau

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A century ago, Nebraska's landscape was dotted with grist mills. Today, Neligh Mills State Historic Site stands as a lasting reminder of these water-powered marvels.

R. Neligh

DAKOTA CITY

402-987-3448 • www.dakotacity.net

Attractions

Cottonwood Cove Park 13th & Hickory Sts – On the banks of the Missouri River, this 1804 campsite is where Lewis and Clark met with American Indians. Camping fee. 402-987-3448 www.dakotacity.net &

Accommodations

DECATUR

402-349-5360 • www.ci.decaturne.us

Accommodations

DIXON

Accommodations

ELGIN

402-843-5812 • www.elginne.com

Accommodations

EMERSON

Attractions

Iron Horse Bar and Casino 1010 S. Main St – Owned by the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, this 2,000-sq-ft facility offers electronic bingo machines. Casino open year-round, Sun-Thu, 10am-11pm; Fri-Sat, 10am-1am. 402-695-0180



Hungry's North *Sirloin*
Dakota City, 402-987-3717

The Green Lantern *Prime Rib*
Decatur, 402-349-5645

Branding Iron Steakhouse
Steaks and Seafood
Lyons, 402-687-2247

FULLERTON

308-536-2088 • www.fullerton-ne.com

Outfitters

Broken Arrow Wilderness 1025 N. 4th St, 1/8 mi. N. on NE Hwy 14 – Come make memories within the calm setting of big oak trees. Enjoy a tanking trip down the river. Memorial Day weekend-Sep 15. Hunting guide service. Waterfowl hunting. Upland game hunting. Big game hunting. Kayaking. Canoeing. Tubing. 308-536-2441 www.brokenarrowwilderness.com

Accommodations

GENOA

402-993-2349 • www.ci.genoa.ne.us

Attractions

Genoa Historical Museum 402 Willard Ave – Collection of Pawnee weapons, tools, relics and artifacts. Pawnee tribal and Mormon Trail exhibits. Original wagon ruts of the Mormon Trail are visible south of town. Memorial Day-Labor Day, Fri-Sun, 1-5pm; or by appt. Free. Fee for tours. 402-993-2875 or 402-993-2349 www.megavision.net/genoamuseum
Genoa Indian School Museum 209 E. Webster Ave – Boarding school for American Indian youth 1884-1934. Harness shop with original wall murals, campus model and exhibits. Open Memorial Day-Labor Day, Fri-Sun, 1-5pm; or by appt. Donation. 402-993-6036 or 402-993-6636 www.megavision.net/genoamuseum &

Accommodations

HARTINGTON

402-254-6357 • www.ci.hartington.ne.us

Attractions

Nissen Wine 88981 NE Hwy 57, 8 mi. N. on NE Hwy 57 – Family-owned and -operated winery producing quality wines from hand-harvested vineyards. Tasting room, tours available. Call for hours. 402-254-3426 www.nissenwine.com

Accommodations

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402-986-1666 • www.ci.howells.ne.us

Accommodations

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Accommodations

LEIGH

402-487-3303

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MACY

402-837-5391

Attractions

Blackbird Scenic Overlook US Hwy 75 – View a modern model of an earthen lodge and enjoy the scenic beauty of the Missouri River. Site also contains information about the Omaha Tribe. 402-837-5391 &
Hole in the Rock Recreation Area and Big Elk Park 3 mi. N. – Camping areas and 21 miles of trails for horseback riding and ATVs. Hunting and fishing allowed with tribal permits. 402-837-4389 or 402-837-5301 www.rezhunter.com &

Omaha Indian Reservation N.E. region of state in Thurston and Cuming Counties – Macy is the site of the Omaha's annual powwow in Aug. Mural celebrating the contributions made by Omaha women can be seen near Jct US Hwy 75 & NE Hwy 94. 402-837-5391 www.omahatribeofnebraska.com

Accommodations

MADISON

402-454-2251 • www.ci.madison.ne.us

Attractions

Madison County Historical Society Museum 210 W. 3rd St – Richie Ashburn baseball collection. Hands-on educational exhibits, extensive display of the evolution of communications, Orphan Train Riders' history, 2,000-piece Christmas Village, N-scale and H-O-scale railroad displays. Open year-round, Mon-Fri, 2-5pm; or by appt. Free. 402-992-1221 or 402-454-3733 www.madisoncountyhistory.org &

Accommodations

MEADOW GROVE

402-634-2225

Accommodations

NELIGH

402-887-4447 • www.neligh.net

Attractions

Antelope County Pioneer Jail Museum 509 L St along US Hwy 275 – Pioneer exhibits including machinery, tools, furnished log cabin and pioneer church. Summer hours: Tue-Sat, 1-5pm. Winter hours: Thu-Fri, 1-5pm. Admission ages 12 and over. 402-887-5046 or 402-887-4271 www.jailmuseum.net



R. Neibel

Situated at the confluence of the Niobrara and Missouri Rivers, Niobrara State Park offers a shady spot to sit in addition to fishing, trail rides, swimming, hiking, and more.

Neligh Mills State Historic Site Jct of N St & Wylie Dr – State Historical Society branch museum. A 19th-century flour mill with all original equipment intact. Open Memorial Day-Labor Day, Tue-Sat, 10am-5pm; Sun, 1-5pm. Rest of the year, Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm; weekends by appt. Admission. 402-887-4303 www.nebraskahistory.org/sites/mill/index.htm

Pierson Wildlife Museum Learning Center 205 E. 5th St – Wild game collection exhibit including 100 full-body mounts and 50 head mounts. One of the largest private collections in the United States, including the coveted Big Five and Grand Slam. Hours vary, also open by appt. Admission. 402-887-4212 or 402-887-4447 www.nelighpub.info/pierson.html &

Starlite Drive-In 1 mi. E. on US Hwy 275 – Providing nostalgic family entertainment since 1952. Only a few hundred drive-in theaters remain in the entire United States, 2 of which still operate in Nebraska. Open Apr-Labor Day. Shows begin at dusk, 7 days a week. 402-887-5584 or 402-887-5021 www.jjtheatres.com



Accommodations

NEWCASTLE

402-355-2687

Outfitters

Turkey Creek Ranch 58020 888 Rd, 5 mi. N.W. – Endless nature possibilities in a secluded setting. Enjoy stagecoach rides and Kawasaki Mule tours. Fully furnished cabin and private camping area. Year-round. Hunting access. Upland game hunting. Big game hunting. Bird-viewing service. Hiking guide service. Horseback riding. Bring own horse. 402-355-2614 www.turkeycreekne.com



Accommodations

NEWMAN GROVE

402-447-9929 • www.ci.newman-grove.ne.us



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NIOBRARA

402-857-3838 • www.niobrarane.com



Attractions

Kreycik Riverview Elk Ranch 8 mi. W. of Niobrara State Park on NE Hwy 12, then 7 mi. S. of Verdel – Enjoy a covered wagon tour through scenic pastures along the Niobrara River. See buffalo, elk and fallow deer up close. Tours mid-May thru Sep, Sat, 10am & 2pm; Sun, 2pm; or by appt. Large groups any day of the week by appt. No tours Memorial Day, July 4th or Labor Day. Admission. 402-857-3850 www.nebraskaelktours.com &

Niobrara State Park 1 mi. W. on NE Hwy 12 – Trail rides, swimming pool, hiking, picnicking, cross-country skiing and fishing. Buffalo cookouts Memorial Day-Labor Day, Sat evenings. Grounds and cabins open year-round. Park permit required. 402-857-3373 or 402-471-1414 www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov &

Ohiya Casino 52946 NE Hwy 12, Ste 2, 5 mi. E. on NE Hwy 12 – Owned and operated by the Santee Sioux Nation, this facility offers 190 Class II gaming machines. Open Sun-Thu, 9am-midnight; Fri-Sat, 9am-2am. Bingo Thu-Sat, 6pm; Sun, 12:30pm. 402-857-3860 www.ohiyacasino.com &

Ponca Tribal Museum 254-8 Park Ave, adjacent to the Niobrara Museum – Artifacts from the Ponca Tribe history, photo archives and American Indian artwork. Open Mon-Fri, 8am-4pm; Sat, 8am-noon. Free. 402-857-3519 www.poncatribene.org &



Outfitters

KSK Big Game Outfitters 88971 517 Ave, 8 mi. S.W. of Niobrara State Park – The hunting area, headquartered at Kreycik Riverview Elk Ranch, consists of densely covered hills and canyons along the Niobrara River Valley. Food, lodging and meat processing for hunters. Sep-Dec. Hunting access. Game farm access. Hunting guide service. Big game hunting. 402-857-3850 www.kskbiggameoutfitters.com

Swanson Hunting Acres 89054 519 Ave – One of the oldest and largest hunting preserves in Nebraska. Hunt pheasant, quail and chukar. Hunting lodge features 11 rooms with full baths and sleeps 23. Hunting Sep-Mar; lodging year-round. Game farm access. Hunting guide service. Upland game hunting. 402-857-3794 www.swansonhuntingacres.com



Accommodations

NORFOLK

888-371-2932 • www.visitnorfolkne.com



Attractions

Cowboy Trail Eastern trailhead for Cowboy Recreation and Nature Trail in Ta-Ha-Zouka Park – Hike/bike and nature trail runs 195 miles to Valentine. Trail is open 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. 402-471-0641 www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov

Elkhorn Valley Museum and Research Center 515 Queen City Blvd – Exhibit featuring memorabilia from Johnny Carson, Willetta Lueschen Bird Library, Square-Turn tractor, Dederman cabin, one-room schoolhouse, Children's Discovery Zone and pioneer exhibits. Open Tue-Sat, 10am-5pm. Tours by appt. Admission. 402-371-3886 www.elkhornvalleymuseum.org &

Norfolk Arts Center 305 N. 5th St – Presenting the arts in all their variety to promote appreciation, enjoyment and participation. Open Tue-Fri, 9am-5pm; Sat, noon-5pm; tours by appt. Closed holidays. Free. 402-371-7199 www.norfolkartscenter.org &

Get your fill of fun near Niobrara at Kreycik Riverview Elk Ranch, where a covered wagon ride takes you across miles of rolling pasture and alongside bison, elk, and other wildlife.



R. Neibel

Off Road Ranch ATV and Motocross Course 2900 Old Hwy 8 – Test your skills on your motocross bike, ATV or four-wheeler. The 30-acre ranch features a 300-ft sand drag strip, motocross course and snow mobile tracks. Campsites with electric hookups available for riders. Open daily, 9am-9pm. Membership and daily passes available. 402-844-5044 www.offroadranch.net

Riviera Raceway 2 mi. S. on US Hwy 81 to Tyco Industries, E. on Sherwood Rd – Sat night racing on clay track. Admission. 402-371-3936 &

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OAKLAND

402-685-5005 • www.ci.oakland.ne.us

Attractions

Swedish Heritage Center 301 N. Charde Ave – Exhibits of Swedish crystal, linens and needlework brought by pioneers. Rooms typical of early Swedish/American homes. Gift shop. May-Sep, Sat-Sun, 1-4pm; or by appt. Donation. 402-685-5489 or 402-685-5095 www.ci.oakland.ne.us/interest.asp &

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Culture, culture everywhere! That's what you'll find in Oakland—the Swedish Capital of Nebraska. If it's June, you won't want to miss the Swedish Festival, a popular event filled with music, dancing, food, and fun.

ORCHARD

402-893-2003 • www.orchardne.com

  **Accommodations**

OSMOND

402-748-3184 • www.ci.osmond.ne.us

 **Accommodations**

PENDER

402-385-3200

Attractions

Heritage Museum of Thurston County 500 Ivan St – Stroll through this 1905 prairie home. Open Mon-Tue & Fri, 1-4pm. Free. 402-922-1652

Veterans Memorial Park 614 Main St – A gathering place to thank, honor and celebrate the lives of all who have served and are still serving our country. 402-385-2235

  **Accommodations**

PETERSBURG

402-386-5551 • www.ci.petersburg.ne.us

 **Accommodations**

PIERCE

402-329-6213 • www.piercenebraska.info

Attractions

Cuthills Vineyards 3 mi. W. on 853 Rd, N. of Willow Creek State Recreation Area – Nebraska's first winery. Open Feb-Apr, Fri-Sun, 1-5pm; May-Dec, Wed-Sat, 11am-6pm; Sun, 1-5pm. Closed holidays. Fee for tours. 402-329-6774 www.cuthills.com &

Willow Creek State Recreation Area 2 mi. S.W. – A 1,633-acre area with 93 electrical camp pads, 700-acre lake with beach, 4 boat ramps, waterskiing, 7 fishing piers, picnic shelters and hiking/horse trails. Area open to hunting (no rifles, handguns or muzzle-loaders), 14-target "walk thru" archery course. Park permit required. 402-329-4053 www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov &

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Prenger's French Dip
Norfolk, 402-379-1900

Blarney Stone Fajitas
O'Neill, 402-336-1336

PILGER

402-396-3563

Outfitters

Peaceful Hollow Vacation Farms 57241 831 Rd, Clarkson, 10 mi. S. of Jct US Hwy 275 & NE Hwy 15, 1 3/4 mi. W. on Rd 831 – Wildlife viewing in 320 acres of natural habitat. Area tours, guesthouse and camping available. Hunting Sep 1-Mar 31. Other activities year-round. Hunting access. Game farm access. Shooting range access. Hunting guide service. Upland game hunting. Fishing guide service. Bird-viewing service. Hiking guide service. Chuck wagon. Horseback riding. 866-854-3702



Accommodations

PLAINVIEW

402-582-4433 • www.plainview-ne.com

Attractions

Klown Doll Museum US Hwy 20 across from Chilvers Park – More than 6,000 clown dolls of all sizes attractively displayed. Memorial Day-Labor Day, Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm. Rest of the year, Mon-Fri, 1-5pm; or by appt. Free. 402-582-4433 klowndollmuseum.com &

Plainview Historical Society's Depot Museum 304 S. Main St – Brick depot built in 1880 by Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley Railroad. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places. A variety of artifacts from Plainview's past are on display. Open May 1-Labor Day, Tue-Sun, 1-5pm; or by appt. Free. 402-582-4699 www.plvwetco.net/plainview_historical_society.htm &



Accommodations

PONCA

402-755-4165 • www.visitponca.com

Attractions

Ponca State Park 2 mi. N. on Spur 26E – The Missouri National Recreational River Resource and Education Center houses an exhibit area and meeting facility. Access to Missouri River. Two-bedroom cabins available Apr-Nov. Grounds and mini-lodges open year-round. Trail rides, hayrack rides, pool and educational activities Memorial Day-Labor Day. Park permit required. 402-755-2284 www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov &



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Accommodations

ROYAL

Attractions

Ashfall Fossil Beds State Historical Park 2 mi. W. on US Hwy 20, 6 mi. N. on 517 Ave – Fossilized remains of 12-million-year-old mammals that died after a volcanic eruption. Declared a National Natural Landmark. Memorial Day-Labor Day, Mon-Sat, 9am-5pm; Sun, 11am-5pm. Limited hours in May, Sep & Oct. Park permit required. Admission. 402-893-2000 www.ashfall.unl.edu &

Grove Lake Trout Rearing Station 1 mi. S. of Grove Lake, 1 1/4 mi. E. – Get close enough to almost see rainbow trout grow at this educational attraction. Open daily, 8am-4:30pm. Limited services Labor Day-May 1. 402-893-5468 www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov

Grove Lake Wildlife Management Area 1 mi. N. – Offers 2,008 acres of prime habitat for deer, turkey, pheasant and quail. The 50-acre lake offers some of the best fishing in the state. Three areas for primitive camping and enjoying nature. 402-893-2559 www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov





Pelican Point State Recreation Area, Tekamah

SANTEE

Attractions

Santee Indian Reservation N.E. region of state in Knox County – Home of the Santee Sioux since 1868. Prior to that, it was home to the Ponca, who lived there since earliest recorded time. Powwow held third weekend in June. 402-857-2302

Accommodations

SCHUYLER

402-352-5472 • www.schuylernebraska.net

Attractions

St. Benedict Center and Benedictine Mission House 4 mi. N. on NE Hwy 15 – An architectural masterpiece decorated with artwork from around the world. A retreat and conference center where the Benedictines share their hospitality and spirituality with those who search for spiritual growth. All Christian denominations are welcome. Guest rooms and gift shop. Open year-round. Tours by appt. 402-352-8819 www.stbenedictcenter.com &

Accommodations

SOUTH SIOUX CITY

866-494-1307 • www.visitsouthsiouxcity.com

Accommodations

ST. EDWARD

402-678-2808

Accommodations

ST. JAMES

Attractions

St. James Marketplace 1 mi. E. of Wynot spur on NE Hwy 12, 1/2 mi. N. – Pioneer history along the Lewis and Clark Trail. Located in a historic schoolhouse. Farmers' market, homemade crafts, tea and history rooms. Open May-Nov, Sat-Sun, 10am-5pm. 402-357-3330 www.stjamesmarketplace.com

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STANTON

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Brooky Bottoms Along the Missouri River, Wynot



Burt County Museum 319 N. 13th St – Visit historic houses from the early 1900s, a country schoolhouse and historic bridge. Open year-round, Tue, Thu & Sat, 1-5pm; or by appt. Donation. 402-374-1505 www.huntel.net/community/burtcomuseum

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Accommodations

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Attractions

Angel DeCora Museum and Research Center 601 E. College Dr – Named in honor of the first Winnebago woman to attend college. Museum displays include Winnebago artifacts, Native American dolls, paintings, traditional clothing, baskets, photographs and other meaningful items of the Winnebago Tribe. Open year-round, Mon-Fri, 9am-noon & 1-4pm. Closed holidays. 402-878-3313 &

Honoring-the-Clans Sculpture Garden and Cultural Plaza 1 blk E. of US Hwy 77/75 on Ho-Chunk Plaza – Experience the heritage of the Winnebago Tribe. Twelve statues, each representing one of the tribe's clans, are arranged in a large circle at the heart of the tribe's Ho-Chunk Village. Free. 402-846-5353
www.hochunkcdc.org &

Winnebago Indian Reservation N.E. region of state in Thurston County – Homecoming/Powwow held last full weekend in July at the Scenic Veterans Memorial Park on US Hwy 75. Tribal buffalo herd pasture is located north of town. 402-878-2272
www.winnebagoTribe.com

Woodland Trails 509 Ho-Chunk Plaza N. – Featuring a fine arts gallery with traveling exhibits and a retail space with handcrafted products made by American Indian artists. Three large studio areas include a pottery studio, painting and drawing studio, and quilting and beading studio. Open year-round, Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm; Sat, 9am-4pm. Closed major holidays. 402-878-4075
www.woodlandtrailsart.com &

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Attractions

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